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NON-RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT

The timely submission under 37 CFR 1.129(a) filed on November 12, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because applicant has not defined the means plus function terms disclosed the claims using the specification of this application. The examiner of record respectfully requests that in the response to this action, applicant provides the location in the specification of the definitions of the means plus function terms. The examiner wants to ensure that the scope of the means plus function terminology is clear on the record.

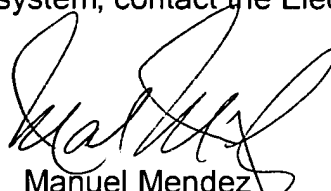
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Manuel Mendez whose telephone number is 703-308-2221. The examiner can normally be reached on 0730-1800 hrs.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Brian Casler can be reached on 703-308-3552. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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